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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: July 25, 2000
Meeting Time: 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Place: Governmental Center South, 302 W.
Washington St., Conference Room C
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Rep. Ron Herrell, Chair; Rep. Richard Mangus; Sen. Beverly Gard; Sen. Kent Adams; David Benshoof; Randy Edgemon; Marvin Gobles; Lori Kaplan; Regina Mahoney; Kerry Michael Manders; Arthur Smith, Jr.; Hon. Jim Trobaugh.

Members Absent: Rep. Dale Sturtz; Sen. Glenn Howard; Michael Carnahan; Hon. Jack Fowler; William Goffinet; Max Goodwin; David Rector; Gary Redding; Alice Schloss; Lynn Waters; Rep. David Wolkins; Sen. Vi Simpson.

Call to Order. Rep. Ron Herrell, Chair of the Environmental Quality Service Council, called the meeting to order and introduced members of the Council.

Subjects Assigned to the Council. Rep. Herrell asked Bob Bond, Attorney for the Council, to review topics assigned to the Council.

Commissioner's Report. Rep. Herrell asked Lori Kaplan, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), to provide the Council with an update on the work of the Department. Ms. Kaplan reviewed a packet of information provided by IDEM. The packet included a summary of legislation enacted by the General Assembly during the 2000 session that pertained to IDEM, which is available on the IDEM website; a report on

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outreach, education, and assistance activities provided by IDEM from December 1999 through June 2000; rulemaking activity of the environmental boards; a report pertaining to fees collected, permit report cards, permit charts; press releases; upcoming calendar events; rulemaking and policy work groups; and new directives for the EQSC resulting from the 2000 legislative session. (Permit accountability and fee information is available on the Internet at <http://www.state.in.us/idem/permitreport/index.html>.) IDEM has not issued a late permit for the past 20 consecutive months.

The packet also included information on the Governor's awards for excellence in recycling as well as the toxic release inventory, which indicated that toxic chemicals released by Indiana manufacturers have dropped 8% from the preceding year's levels. Additionally, a news release from the Governor's Office pertaining to the work and recommendations of the Indiana's Greening the Government Task Force was provided.

Restoration of the White River. Ms. Kaplan provided an update on activities surrounding the fish kill in the White River. Bill James, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, reported on efforts to restore the river.

IDEM Staffing. Ms. Kaplan referred to an IDEM staffing report prepared by Legislative Services Agency. The report provided a picture of where IDEM is and where they have been in terms of staffing and how IDEM compares with other agencies. The IDEM vacancy rate was nine percent. The agency is working to reduce the number of vacancies.

Water Quality Data Task Force. Rep. Herrell indicated that he had received the names of some individuals who were interested in serving on the Water Quality Data Task Force. He will wait until the next meeting to appoint the task force. Sen. Gard indicated that she would like to serve on the task force. Rep. Herrell asked staff to send a notice to all council members to inquire about their interest in serving on the task force. He asked members of the audience to request in writing if they are interested in serving on the task force. Interested parties should send their recommendations to Bob Bond or Bernadette Bartlett at Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46024; or send an email to bbartlet@IGA.state.in.us. Staff will contact each state department that is required to provide a representative.

Subcommittees. Rep. Herrell indicated that he had received requests to study wetlands issues and septic systems issues. Sen. Simpson volunteered to chair the wetlands subcommittee. Regina Mahoney and Randy Edgemon indicated that they were willing to serve on the wetlands subcommittee. Sen. Gard volunteered to chair the septic systems subcommittee. She indicated that the first meeting to discuss possible topics of study will be on August 7 at 1:00. Kerry Manders indicated that he was willing to serve on the septic systems subcommittee.

Rep. Herrell asked staff to send notices to members and interested parties to inquire about their interest in serving on the subcommittees.

The 2000 EQSC Agenda. Rep. Herrell asked parties interested in proposing a topic for the Council to study to send topics of interest to either himself or the staff.

Sen. Gard recommended that the Council study funding issues, lead abatement; and the internal audit statute.

Ms. Mahoney suggested that the Council consider the success of the brownfields program, sources of funding for the program, and lessons that have been learned.

Mr. Manders suggested an update on the watershed management program in conjunction with an update on the Wildcat Creek pilot project.

Mr. Edgemon recommended an update on the establishment of agricultural buffer zones on all waterways and whether funding exists to establish them.

Next Meeting Date. The next meeting was scheduled for September 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Adjournment. The Council adjourned at approximately 2:40 p.m.